

Prayer Walking: A Starting Place

In the winter of 2019, Fifty college students from a few different schools converged on San Antonio, Texas. We had come to prayer walk the campuses in this city with over one hundred thousand college students. We woke early to get started, and then each small team of about five students went to two different campuses. We looked at the makeup of each campus, what kind of organizations were there, and prayed for God to raise up laborers for that harvest field. It was a quick weekend, but overall we thought it was a success to help our students become aware of other campuses in the state. Little did we know it would be the catalyst for San Antonio to become a place where God began to send laborers.

A week after we prayer walked campuses in San Antonio, I was reading Acts 13:2-3, "As they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Baranbas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' Then after they had fasted, prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them off." As I am reading this passage of scripture, God whispers, "I am setting you apart for San Antonio." I was surprised, but excited for the possibility of getting to serve in San Antonio and equally nervous, because I thought I would be going alone.

As I began the process of transition, I found out that God was working in the life of another Director, Reid, who was looking at transitioning to a different campus. God was working in his heart to bring him and his family to San Antonio. We began to work on a plan and pray that God would raise up more laborers. Through that process God brought two more workers to help us with the work in San Antonio. We were eager to start and even with COVID, we saw God do some amazing things!

Prayer is the real work, and we wanted to keep it at the center of all that we do. Each November we host an annual CATALYST WEEKEND. This weekend is full of prayer walking unreached campuses in San Antonio, connecting with local churches, and helping students see the vision of reaching every campus in Texas.

With prayer being the real work, it is important to emphasize praying for your campus with your students. Prayer walking can be a casual thing you do with a few students throughout the semester or organized into a whole weekend with students coming from across the state. No matter how you do it, I encourage you to prioritize prayer.

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